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# President's Student Council

OCT'15

Newsletter



*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"*

—John Quincy Adams—

## STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT, GSEAS

Congratulation to LCDR Laura-Michel DeHaan for being selected as the GSEAS Student-in-the-Spotlight. Laura was nominated by her peers due to her impressive leadership and generous volunteerism. She is currently earning her Masters of Science in Physical Oceanography and Meteorology and will graduate in December 2015.

Over the past 1.5 yrs, Laura has served as an NPS Student Liaison to MARINE (Monterey Area Research Institutions' Network for Education, collaboration between The Center for Ocean Solutions and seven Monterey Bay area academic campuses). Through her leadership with MARINE she has participated in several workshops on Climate Change, communicated ocean science to decision makers, hosted and coordinated multi-campus bonfire social, and led networking events in both 2014 and 2015. In total she has committed over 300 hours volunteering through MARINE to improve education and partnerships in ocean science.

Laura's generous service is most notably seen through her commitment to the Navy Ball. This year she served as co-chair for the 2015 Monterey Peninsula Navy Ball along with LCDR Jenn McNitt, and served on the board last year as well. This extreme undertaking required multiple fundraisers, personally asking companies for donations, coordination of VIPs (local Mayors and business members), selection of guest speaker, and general coordination of all ball activities (managing guests, arranging decorations, DJ, photographers, arranging catering, etc). She was able to pull off an exquisite event in honor of the Navy's 240th Birthday, all while working on her thesis! Bravo!



Student in the Spotlight is by peer nomination. Look for next month's Student in the Spotlight from GSOIS.

## STUDENT OPINION SURVEY

PSC will be running it's bi annual Student opinion Survey this November; last survey was conducted in April 2015. The questions will focus on the NPS facilities, academics, student life, and students' general opinion concerning NPS. The survey is formatted so that each participant can give an honest non-attributable opinion. The survey will give the President's Student Council a general idea of the areas important to the student body and will help the NPS student government focus its efforts to improve student life on campus. Results are shared with the Deans and NPS President.

# HONORING WWII VETERANS

NPS students are getting involved to honor WWII veterans by participating in the Honor Flight Program. On September 26, 2015, students joined as part of a crowd of over 100 people (ROTC Students, DLI, and civilians) standing by to greet the 25 amazing World War II (WWII) Veterans returning home to the San Francisco International Airport.

The Honor Flight Program began in 2005 out of Springfield Ohio as an organization that funds and organizes airline trips for remaining WWII Veterans to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. Upon the veterans' return flight back to their home location, volunteers provide an additional show of support at the airport by organizing outside the airline gate to thank the veterans for their service.

To volunteer, please visit the Bay Area Honor Flight website at <http://www.honorflightbayarea.org/about.html> or contact NPS student Capt Jamie Ellis at [jellis1@nps.edu](mailto:jellis1@nps.edu), local liaison.

## HELPING HANDS

On 09 October, NPS Students assisted faculty and staff volunteers in a refurbishment of the Arizona Garden led by the Naval Support Activity Monterey Environmental Division. The historic Arizona Garden dates back to the 1880s when railroad pioneer Charles Crocker hired renowned landscape architect Rudolph Ulrich to design a garden to showcase Ulrich's fascination with desert plants. Currently only two of Ulrich's Arizona Gardens remain today; One is in Monterey and the other is being located on the campus of Stanford University.

Funding for the purchase of 50 cacti and succulent plants was obtained from a generous grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation and the Department of Defense Legacy Program in support of National Public Lands Day. If you have not seen the garden, consider taking a break and walking through for a few minutes. It is located between the commuter carpool lot and Spanagel Hall.

*Pictured: Students assist NSAM Staff and NPS Faculty restore the Historic Arizona Garden*



## UPCOMING Events

### OCT 24

**Honor Flight Program.** Greet WWII veterans as they return from a trip to DC. Contact Capt Jamie Ellis for more info: [jellis1@nps.edu](mailto:jellis1@nps.edu)

### OCT 28

**Game Night.** 5-6pm in the Trident Room. FREE

### OCT 29

**Terror in the Trident Room.** Halloween Party, 5-7pm, FREE

### OCT 30

**Freaky Family Friday** Halloween Family Fun. 6-8pm in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom. Entry free is \$2.00, for dancing, costumes, crafts, goodies and games.

### OCT-NOV

**(Wanted) Community Leadership Volunteers**

- Monterey High School
- Carmel High School
- Seaside High School
- Pacific Grove High School
- Alvarez High School

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### NOV 4

**Student Council Meeting.** Dudley Knox Library Room 263A second floor at 1500.

### NOV 6

**Turkey Trot, 5K.** Hosted by MWR, 3pm in front of Hermann Hall, register by 2:45 day of, FREE for all participants.

### NOV 7

**240th USMC Ball.** Herrmann Hall.

### NOV 10

**Safety Standdown.** 1500. King Hall, All Students.

### NOV 11

**Vetrans Day**

### NOV 19

**MWR Chili Contest.** 5:30-7:30pm. FREE, call for more info: 831-656-7955

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